



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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TERMLY CURRICULUM LETTER AUTUMN TERM 2017

Dear Parents,

Reception - SUMMARY OF LEARNING INTENTIONS

Our 30 Reception children have settled incredibly well into Abbey School, we feel very proud of them and confident that they are ready for fulltime education next week. We have outlined below the topics that will be covered in Reception and some useful information for this term.

Communication and Language / Literacy (inc. reading and writing)

The children will participate daily in a wide variety of literacy based activities including:

- Guided, group and one to one reading sessions
- Letters and Sounds activities using synthetic phonics. The children will work through the Jolly Phonics order of phonemes
- Simple writing activities including writing their name and composing CVC words (consonant, vowel, consonant letter strings)
- Participating in a variety of speaking and listening activities – sharing work in assembly, using the role play area to develop communication skills with adults and their peers, speaking to talk partners or the whole class when presenting their ideas

Mathematical Development

- The children will participate daily in a wide variety of mathematical based activities including:
- Counting on and back to 12 and then to 20
- Learning number facts and number bonds to 10
- Place value (number neighbours)
- Understanding and using ordinal numbers
- Developing their understanding of basic 2D shapes and their properties
- Simple addition and subtraction facts

The topic for the first half term is '**Me and My Home**'.

The children will be learning about how their bodies grow and develop. They will learn about eating healthily, taking exercise and will develop skills in using their five senses. We will also look at where they live and the different types of homes that people live in. For our role-play display it would be lovely to have some photographs of the children outside





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their homes, and similarly we enjoy sharing any photos of the children participating in fun activities from home. So if you wanted to send in a picture for the child's Building Book they would be happily received!

The children will combine their skills in a selection of different curriculum areas, to include Understanding the World, the Expressive Arts and Design, Personal and Social Development and Physical Development.

The topic for the second half term is '**Water**' where the children will be learning all about water! It's use for cooking and keeping clean, drinking, helping things grow and in its change of state – freezing it and boiling it. Again the children will combine their skills in a selection of different curriculum areas, to include Understanding the World, the Expressive Arts and Design, Personal and Social Development and Physical Development.

Our PE day is Tuesday morning with our qualified PE coach Mr Morgan, but please could the children have their kit in school everyday in case it is required for other Physical Development activities. **And please can all the items of clothing be named!**

In the Reception class assisting Miss Felstead we are lucky to have the expertise of our qualified Early Years Practitioner Mrs Duffin who works in the classroom every day, and Teaching Assistant Mrs Clarke who will work in the classroom on a Tuesday and Wednesday.

Each day healthy snacks and drinks are provided for the children. School milk is also provided free of charge for children aged four.

We politely ask that the children leave toys at home each day. Although we appreciate they love to share their toys with their class mates, it can be distracting and there may be a chance that the toys get lost or broken which is upsetting. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Reception will visit the School Library every Friday morning, where the children select their own choice of book. They might choose a book that is too difficult for them to read independently and will require you to share it with them, but the library time is very special to the children and it is the one opportunity they have of selecting a text that truly interests them.

We will be sending home their reading scheme book every **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday**, so if at all possible a school book bag is useful because it enables us to put the selected books inside, plus any news letters or fliers. We also ask that the amount of keyrings and hanging accessories on the children's book bags is kept to a minimum. Thank you for co-operation in this.

As with the PE items of clothing, please could you check that each item of uniform is named – it really does help us to return the clothes to the right child!



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Miss Fenn and I look forward to seeing many of you at the annual **Reception Curriculum Meeting** on Tuesday 19th September at 2.30-3.20pm and the **Reception Welcome Assembly** at 9.10-10am on Friday 29th September as detailed in the autumn term diary dates. On these occasions, parents must enter via the front door of school. The Reception class will not be in the classroom during the curriculum meeting and normal end of day arrangements will be in place for both events.

Please be mindful if you are planning to bring pre-school children to a class assembly or a meeting where a teacher is presenting to a large number of parents that your child is quiet and close to you during the talk so that staff can communicate effectively with all the parents in the room.

If your child is distressed at any time during an assembly or a meeting, we politely ask that you comfort your child or remove them discreetly until they are settled when you are welcome to return. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Many thanks for your support and we really look forward to a successful and fun filled first term at school.

Miss Lisa Felstead

Deputy Headteacher